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Employment in Connecticut decreased in January as unemployment rose to a 5.1 percent adjusted rate and personal income climbed to a new high, State Labor Commissioner Ronald F. Petronella reports.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Statewide non-agricultural employment dropped from 1,654,700 to 1,610,900 over the month, a yearly decrease of 23,500 jobs (p.2). The goods producing sector had 9,900 fewer opportunities, with payrolls shrinking in construction (-7,200) and manufacturing (-2,700). Employment in the service producing sector declined from 1,257,500 to 1,223,600, a level nearly unchanged from a year earlier. Post-holiday employment adjustments contributed to job losses in trade (-16,400), there were fewer opportunities in services (-9,300) and government was down (-6,200). Employment in transportation decreased by 1,200, and positions in finance, insurance and real estate were off by 800. Although all 15 labor market areas had decreased monthly employment, one, Danielson, reported an increase in jobs over the year (p.5 & 6).

Factory workers earned an average weekly wage of $488.11, down from $499.14 in December but $5.60 more than a year ago (p.3). The average hourly wage declined one-cent to $11.79 as the workweek shortened from 42.3 to 41.4 hours. Straight-time earnings rose from $450.40 weekly and $11.26 an hour to $453.20 weekly and $11.33 hourly, a 4.4 percent increase from January 1990's weekly and hourly wages of $434 and $10.85 respectively. Construction workers earned the most at $678.37 a week, followed by those producing transportation equipment, $581.09; chemicals, $542.84 and machinery, $523.55 (p.3). Of the five largest labor market areas, Hartford ($519.57), Bridgeport ($507.91) and New Britain ($506.70) had the highest wages (p.6).

Unemployment: Connecticut's actual jobless rate rose from 4.7 to 5.6 percent of the labor force as the estimated number of unemployed increased over the month from 83,900 to 98,000 (p.4). When adjusted for seasonal influences, the rate was up two-tenths to 5.1 percent. The actual rate was the highest since July 1985 when it was 5.8 percent and 99,597 people were unemployed. Both January rates remained well below the national actual and adjusted rates of 7.0 and 6.2 percent respectively. Included in the latest jobless estimates are people receiving unemployment insurance benefits, others who are ineligible for compensation or whose benefits expired, and persons entering or reentering the labor force. Higher unemployment rates were reported by all 15 labor market areas. When compared to last year however, Danielson's unemployment rate decreased from 9.6 to 9 percent and Danbury's was unchanged at 4 percent.

Other indicators: Elsewhere in the economy, personal income reached a record $6-billion, 50-million, new automobile registrations and the average workweek declined and manufacturing output increased (p.7).

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Jan. 1991(P)	Dec. 1990(R)	Jan. 1990(R)	% CHANGE Jan. '91 OVER Dec. '90	% CHANGE Jan. '91 OVER Jan. '90
Total Nonagricultural Employment..	1,610,900 *	1,654,700 *	1,634,400 *	-2.6	-1.4
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES.....	387,300 *	397,200 *	410,600 *	-2.5	-5.7
Construction & Mining.....	52,400	59,600	61,600	-12.1	-14.9
Manufacturing.....	334,900 *	337,600 *	349,000 *	-0.8	-4.0
Durable.....	247,200 *	248,700 *	258,900 *	-0.6	-4.5
Lumber & Furniture.....	5,200	5,400	6,000	-3.7	-13.3
Stone, Clay & Glass.....	3,700	3,800	3,900	-2.6	-5.1
Primary Metals.....	10,600	10,700	11,200	-0.9	-5.4
Fabricated Metals.....	36,200	36,200	39,700 *	0.0	-8.8
Machinery & Computer Equip....	42,900	43,600	46,400	-1.6	-7.5
Electronic & Electrical Equip.	32,200 *	32,400 *	36,100 *	-0.6	-10.8
Transportation Equipment.....	81,500	81,700	80,400	-0.2	1.4
Instruments.....	27,500	27,400	27,300	0.4	0.7
Miscellaneous Manufacturing...	7,400	7,500	7,900	-1.3	-6.3
Nondurable.....	87,700 *	88,900 *	90,100	-1.3	-2.7
Food.....	10,700	11,200	10,800	-4.5	-0.9
Textiles.....	2,600	2,600	2,700	0.0	-3.7
Apparel.....	5,300	5,300	5,100	0.0	3.9
Paper.....	8,600	8,700	9,000	-1.1	-4.4
Printing & Publishing.....	25,600	26,100	27,900	-1.9	-8.2
Chemicals.....	22,500	22,400	21,800	0.4	3.2
Rubber & Plastics.....	11,200 *	11,300 *	11,600	-0.9	-3.4
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	1,200	1,300	1,200	-7.7	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING INDUSTRIES.....	1,223,600 *	1,257,500 *	1,223,800 *	-2.7	0.0 ***
Transportation.....	41,500 *	42,700 *	40,900 *	-2.8	1.5
Motor Freight & Warehousing....	16,000	16,500	15,900	-3.0	0.6
Other Transportation.....	25,500 *	26,200 *	25,000 *	-2.7	2.0
Communications.....	18,700	18,600	18,800	0.5	-0.5
Utilities.....	13,200	13,300	13,200	-0.8	0.0
Trade.....	361,700	378,100	368,400	-4.3	-1.8
Wholesale.....	85,500	86,600	87,900	-1.3	-2.7
Retail.....	276,200	291,500	280,500	-5.2	-1.5
General Merchandise.....	36,800	39,700	39,100	-7.3	-5.9
Food Stores.....	50,700	50,900	48,900	-0.4	3.7
Auto Dealers & Gas Stations...	28,700	28,900	30,400	-0.7	-5.6
Restaurants.....	72,400	76,800	72,600	-5.7	-0.3
Other Retail Trade.....	87,600	95,200	89,500	-8.0	-2.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	149,100	149,900	151,700	-0.5	-1.7
Finance.....	53,100	53,400	55,600	-0.6	-4.5
Insurance.....	81,300	81,600	81,300	-0.4	0.0
Real Estate.....	14,700	14,900	14,800	-1.3	-0.7
Services.....	430,100 *	439,400 *	421,400 *	-2.1	2.1
Hotels & Lodging Places.....	11,600	12,400	11,700	-6.5	-0.9
Personal Services.....	18,000	18,600	18,600	-3.2	-3.2
Business Services.....	74,200	76,900	75,800	-3.5	-2.1
Health Services.....	138,500 *	138,400 *	133,000	0.1	4.1
Legal & Professional Services..	51,000	51,000	50,500	0.0	1.0
Educational Services.....	38,600 *	41,900 *	37,500	-7.9	2.9
Other Services.....	98,200	100,200	94,300	-2.0	4.1
Government.....	209,300	215,500	209,400	-2.9	0.0
Federal.....	25,400	25,600	25,100	-0.8	1.2
State & Local.....	183,900	189,900	184,300	-3.2	-0.2
NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT**.....	1,276,000 *	1,317,100 *	1,285,400 *	-3.1	-0.7

* Excludes workers idled to labor management disputes.
** Includes Service Producing Industries and Construction and Mining employment.
*** Less than 0.05 percent.
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Data in this table and most of those which follow was developed by the Connecticut Labor Department under cooperative programs with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Jan. 1991	Dec. 1990(R)	Jan. 1990(R)	Jan. 1991	Dec. 1990(R)	Jan. 1990(R)	Jan. 1991	Dec. 1990(R)	Jan. 1990(R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$488.11	$499.14	$482.51	41.4	42.3	42.4	$11.79	$11.80	$11.38
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	504.84	516.95	494.64	42.0	42.9	42.9	12.02	12.05	11.53
Lumber & Furniture.....	380.81	387.69	375.46	38.7	39.2	39.9	9.84	9.89	9.41
Stone, Clay and Glass.....	473.52	473.59	477.55	41.5	41.8	43.1	11.41	11.33	11.08
Primary Metals.....	507.76	522.06	497.28	44.0	45.2	44.4	11.54	11.55	11.20
Fabricated Metals.....	449.55	475.30	460.22	40.5	42.4	42.3	11.10	11.21	10.88
Machinery.....	523.55	548.69	516.67	42.6	44.5	43.2	12.29	12.33	11.96
Electrical Equipment.....	428.90	423.36	397.11	43.9	43.6	42.7	9.77	9.71	9.30
Transportation Equipment.....	581.09	592.31	578.06	41.3	41.8	43.3	14.07	14.17	13.35
Instruments	478.22	492.62	477.48	43.2	44.3	42.9	11.07	11.12	11.13
Miscellaneous Manufacturing..	436.99	448.64	412.06	42.8	43.6	42.7	10.21	10.29	9.65
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	442.89	449.74	444.72	39.9	40.7	40.8	11.10	11.05	10.90
Food.....	415.28	408.86	398.27	39.4	39.2	39.2	10.54	10.43	10.16
Textiles.....	372.71	374.92	372.49	40.6	41.2	41.9	9.18	9.10	8.89
Apparel.....	265.36	271.94	266.11	36.5	37.1	37.8	7.27	7.33	7.04
Paper.....	504.68	517.95	511.39	44.0	45.0	44.2	11.47	11.51	11.57
Printing and Publishing.....	445.01	456.62	447.29	36.9	37.8	38.1	12.06	12.08	11.74
Chemicals.....	542.84	560.84	554.51	40.3	42.2	42.2	13.47	13.29	13.14
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	413.69	421.20	412.09	42.3	43.2	43.7	9.78	9.75	9.43
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	419.08	409.10	310.02	43.7	43.2	37.9	9.59	9.47	8.18
CONSTRUCTION.....	678.37	689.28	667.83	38.5	39.5	39.1	17.62	17.45	17.08

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UNEMPLOYMENT - CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES

	January	1991(P) Percent of Labor	December	1990(R) Percent of Labor	January	1990(R) Percent of Labor
	Number	Force**	Number	Force**	Number	Force**
Ct. State Totals* Actual	98,000	5.6	83,900	4.7	88,700	5.0
Seasonally Adjusted...		(5.1)		(4.9)		(4.5)
Ct. Labor Market Areas						
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	14,800	6.5	12,800	5.6	14,500	6.3
Bristol.....	3,100	8.2	2,500	6.5	2,400	6.2
Danbury.....	4,800	4.0	4,300	3.6	4,700	4.0
Danielson.....	3,200	9.0	2,700	7.5	3,300	9.6
Hartford.....	21,500	5.0	18,700	4.3	18,900	4.4
Middletown.....	2,400	4.7	2,000	4.0	2,300	4.4
Lower River.....	800	4.4	700	3.7	700	4.3
New Britain.....	5,300	7.2	4,300	5.9	4,600	6.3
New Haven.....	14,600	5.1	12,900	4.5	13,200	4.7
New London/Norwich*..	8,200	6.4	7,000	5.4	7,400	5.6
Norwalk.....	3,000	3.9	2,600	3.3	2,500	3.2
Stamford.....	4,300	3.8	3,700	3.3	3,600	3.2
Torrington.....	3,000	5.9	2,400	4.8	2,600	5.1
Waterbury.....	8,700	8.6	7,100	6.9	7,600	7.5
Willimantic.....	1,300	5.0	1,100	3.8	1,300	4.5
U.S. Totals-Actual.....	8,595,000	7.0	7,343,000	5.9	7,256,000	5.9
Seasonally Adjusted....		(6.2)		(6.1)		(5.3)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Labor Market Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

** Both the Connecticut and U.S. unemployment rates shown here are for the Civilian Labor Force.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

	Jan. '91	Dec. '90	Jan. '90
1967=100.....	403.1	400.9	381.5
1982-84=100.....	134.6	133.8	127.4
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.6	+ 5.7

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI- The Consumer Price Index (CPI), computed and published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living.
The series shown above are not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, BY PLACE OF WORK FOR CONNECTICUT LABOR MARKET AREAS

Labor Market Area	Jan.'91	Dec. '90(R)	Jan. '90(R)	Percent Change to Jan. 1991 from: Dec. '90	Jan. '90
Bridgeport-Milford					
Total Nonag. Empl.	188,600*	193,380*	193,740	- 2.5	- 2.7
Goods Producing	54,680	55,700	58,810	- 1.8	- 7.0
Service Producing	133,920*	137,680*	134,930	-. 2.7	- 0.7
Bristol					
Total Nonag. Empl.	24,170	25,260	25,430	- 4.3	- 5.0
Goods Producing	7,750	8,030	8,630	- 3.5	- 10.2
Service Producing	16,420	17,230	16,800	- 4.7	- 2.3
Danbury					
Total Nonag. Empl.	84,110	85,800	84,200	- 2.0	- 0.1
Goods Producing	27,310	27,500	27,500	- 0.7	- 0.7
Service Producing	56,800	58,300	56,700	- 2.6	0.2
Danielson					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,820	23,430	22,350	- 2.6	2.1
Goods Producing	7,930	8,080	8,240	- 1.9	- 3.8
Service Producing	14,890	15,350	14,110	- 3.0	5.5
Hartford					
Total Nonag. Empl.	472,610*	478,630*	477,250*	- 1.3	- 1.0
Goods Producing	96,260	99,490	100,360*	- 3.2	- 4.1
Service Producing	376,350*	379,140*	376,890*	- 0.7	- 0.1
Middletown					
Total Nonag. Empl.	43,340	44,280	44,600	- 2.1	- 2.8
Goods Producing	9,760	10,190	10,580	- 4.2	- 7.8
Service Producing	33,580	34,090	34,020	- 1.5	- 1.3
Lower River					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,230	14,830	14,830	- 4.0	- 0.1
Goods Producing	5,110	5,180	5,070	- 1.4	0.8
Service Producing	9,120	9,650	9,170	- 5.5	- 0.5
New Britain					
Total Nonag. Empl.	62,040	63,770	63,750	- 2.7	- 2.7
Goods Producing	21,470	21,820	21,910	- 1.6	- 2.0
Service Producing	40,570	41,950	41,840	- 3.3	- 3.0
New Haven-Meriden					
Total Nonag. Empl.	253,500*	260,480*	255,710*	- 2.7	- 0.9
Goods Producing	51,560*	52,870*	55,650*	- 2.5	- 7.3
Service Producing	201,940	207,610	200,060	- 2.7	0.9
New London-Norwich**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	110,670	114,170	115,300	- 3.1	- 4.0
Goods Producing	34,370	35,090	35,840	- 2.1	- 4.1
Service Producing	76,300	79,080	79,460	- 3.5	- 4.0
Norwalk					
Total Nonag. Empl.	69,350	70,280	69,640	- 1.3	- 0.4
Goods Producing	17,130	17,270	18,080	- 0.8	- 5.3
Service Producing	52,220	53,010	51,560	- 1.5	1.3
Stamford					
Total Nonag. Empl.	118,440	121,450	119,950	- 2.5	- 1.3
Goods Producing	22,780	23,500	24,090	- 3.1	- 5.4
Service Producing	95,660	97,950	95,860	- 2.3	- 0.2

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, BY PLACE OF WORK FOR CONNECTICUT LABOR MARKET AREAS (Cont'd)

Labor Market Area	Jan. '91	Dec. '90(R)	Jan. '90(R)	Percent Change to Jan. 1991 from: Dec. '90	Jan. '90
Torrington					
Total Nonag. Empl.	33,110	34,210	33,480	- 3.2	- 1.1
Goods Producing	9,540	10,060	10,290	- 5.2	- 7.3
Service Producing	23,570	24,150	23,190	- 2.4	1.6
Waterbury					
Total Nonag. Empl.	81,940	84,460	84,440	- 3.0	- 3.0
Goods Producing	21,290	22,850	24,680	- 6.8	- 13.7
Service Producing	60,650	61,610	59,760	- 1.6	1.5
Willimantic					
Total Nonag. Empl.	20,750	23,460	21,820	- 11.6	- 4.9
Goods Producing	1,980	2,000	2,200	- 1.0	- 10.0
Service Producing	18,770	21,460	19,620	- 12.5	- 4.3

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* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Labor Market Area and are therefore included in the estimates.
*** Change is less than 0.05 percent.

Note: Area employment estimates may not sum to statewide employment estimates shown in this and other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA
Manufacturing Production and Related Workers

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan. 1991	Dec. 1990	Jan. 1990	Jan. 1991	Dec. 1990	Jan. 1990	Jan. 1991	Dec. 1990	Jan. 1990
Bridgeport	$507.91	$527.35	$514.94	41.7	42.7	43.2	$12.18	$12.35	$11.92
Hartford	519.57	541.45	525.03	41.4	42.6	43.0	12.55	12.71	12.21
New Britain	506.70	544.00	514.61	41.0	42.7	42.6	12.36	12.74	12.08
New Haven	454.01	457.44	445.78	40.5	41.1	41.2	11.21	11.13	10.82
Stamford	489.64	505.47	474.35	40.2	41.5	41.5	12.18	12.18	11.43
Waterbury	446.76	470.73	431.71	41.1	42.6	42.2	10.37	11.05	10.23

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)	Seasonally Adj.(R)
1990							
Jan....	1634.4	1656.1	8775	5292	5.0	4.5	$5773.2
Feb....	1626.8	1650.3	5193	5152	5.5	4.9	5800.1
Mar....	1637.6	1648.6	4498	5749	5.3	5.1	5805.5
Apr....	1635.5	1642.9	4953	5809	5.2	5.4	5780.5
May....	1647.0	1643.1	4119	5721	5.1	5.4	5808.7
Jun....	1659.5	1639.4	5121	5562	5.2	5.0	5823.8
Jul....	1633.6	1641.7	6374	4286	5.2	5.1	5852.6
Aug....	1626.9	1638.9	4469	5208	5.1	5.0	5884.3
Sep....	1637.8	1635.9	4136	7019	5.1	5.5	5896.2
Oct....	1645.8	1636.0	4631	6480	4.8	5.1	5952.0
Nov....	1651.9	1633.5	5140	6777	4.8	5.3	5983.0
Dec....	1654.7	1628.8	7781	4724	4.7	4.9	6012.9
1991							
Jan....	1610.9	1632.1(P)	10878	6561	5.6	5.1	6050.6(P)
Feb.							
Mar.							
Apr.							
May							
Jun.							
Jul.							
Aug.							
Sep.							
Oct.							
Nov.							
Dec.							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)	Actual(R)	Seas. Adj.(R)
1990						
Jan....	9172	10698	42.4	42.2	119.7	115.1
Feb....	7749	9300	42.2	42.2	118.4	114.2
Mar....	8700	6658	42.3	42.1	114.1	109.9
Apr....	8100	6873	40.8	40.9	102.7	99.6
May....	9729	9031	42.0	42.1	114.3	110.8
Jun....	7995	8187	42.0	42.0	114.7	109.3
Jul....	5479	7900	41.8	42.1	88.6	106.0
Aug....	8165	8424	41.5	42.1	92.8	109.7
Sep....	8241	8439	42.1	42.1	113.2	108.8
Oct....	13985	14572	41.9	42.0	111.9	107.6
Nov....	9095	8280	42.2	41.9	109.0	103.9
Dec....	9747	9144	42.3	41.9	98.6	102.5
1991						
Jan....	7587	8853	41.4	41.2	104.4	100.4
Feb.						
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Apr.						
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Oct.						
Nov.						
Dec.						

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CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000
1988	21,101	179,844,000	208,656,000
1989	29,097	265,821,000	190,278,000
1990	45,312	432,904,000	186,371,000
Jan'90	48,364	43,603,000	5,309,000
Feb	48,057	36,383,000	12,311,000
Mar	48,496	37,670,000	354,000
Apr	45,118	38,305,000	20,558,000
May	41,471	34,890,000	89,249,000
Jun	41,853	30,992,000	865,000
Jul	45,773	38,384,000	8,878,000
Aug	45,841	33,246,000	27,847,000
Sep	41,288	28,971,000	428,000
Oct	40,777	35,677,000	7,503,000
Nov	45,198	32,593,000	12,818,000
Dec	51,509	42,190,000	251,000
Jan'91	68,268	56,876,000	4,620,000

Federal Loan

1972	31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*
1991	14,055,000*(E)

Direct Loan Repayments

1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction

1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,352,000

Total Outstanding Loans (1/31/91)
$ 14.1 million

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (1/31/91)
$ 7.3 million

*Interest bearing

E-Estimate

Wage Survey Results for the State of Connecticut Issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics

The results of the Bureau of Labor Statistics' July 1990 wage survey of selected office and plant occupations in the State of Connecticut were recently released. Among the occupations surveyed, average straight-time hourly earnings ranged from $7.47 for file clerks to $11.95 for secretaries. Average hourly earnings for other clerical occupations were: switchboard operator-receptionists, $9.02; key entry operators, $9.07; accounting clerks, $9.44; and word processors, $10.07. Among data processing occupations, computer operators averaged $11.72; computer programmers, $16.98; and systems analysts, $20.86 hourly. In technical jobs, drafters averaged $12.80; electronics technicians, $15.70; and registered industrial nurses, $16.17.

For the skilled maintenance occupations studied, average straight-time hourly earnings ranged from $12.58 for maintenance painters to $15.73 for stationary engineers. Average hourly earnings for other maintenance occupations were: electricians, $15.30; tool and die makers, $15.09; motor vehicle mechanics, $15.04; and machinery mechanics, $14.77. Among material movement occupations, hourly earnings ranged from $7.37 for material handling laborers, to $13.13 for truckdrivers. In other occupations, guards averaged $7.05; janitors, $6.35; order fillers, $7.90; and forklift operators, $10.86 per hour.

Data were also collected on the incidence of selected employee benefits for full-time workers in Connecticut. On average, plant workers received ten paid holidays annually while office workers averaged ten and one-half days. The maximum vacation available to the majority of plant workers was four weeks per year. One-half of all office workers received more than four weeks paid vacation annually. Nearly all workers were covered by life insurance plans and were eligible to participate in health insurance plans. Eighty-six percent of plant workers and 93 percent of office workers were covered by retirement plans.

This survey was conducted as part of a program which covers over one hundred areas nationwide. The survey findings are based on data reported by 398 private industry establishments employing approximately 224,000 workers, selected to represent 3,311 establishments employing about 665,000 workers in the State of Connecticut. The survey was limited to firms with fifty or more employees in manufacturing; transportation, communications, and other utilities; wholesale and retail trade; finance, insurance and real estate; and selected services.

CONNECTICUT
Average Hourly Earnings for Selected Office and Plant Occupations
July 1990

Occupations	Number of workers 2/	Hourly earnings 1/ Mean 3/	Middle range 3/
Secretaries	8,187	$11.95	$10.31 - $13.23
Secretaries I	837	9.33	8.17 - 9.97
Secretaries II	919	10.30	9.40 - 11.11
Secretaries III	2,733	11.84	11.01 - 12.82
Secretaries IV	1,265	13.57	12.28 - 14.89
Secretaries V	572	16.13	14.83 - 17.22
Typists	691	9.50	8.39 - 10.46
Typists I	162	7.62	7.31 - 7.87
Typists II	529	10.08	9.49 - 10.92
Word Processors	628	10.07	8.68 - 11.19
Word Processors I	238	8.82	7.99 - 9.30
Word Processors II	390	10.83	9.43 - 11.59
Key entry operators	1,649	9.07	8.08 - 9.95
Key entry operators I	975	8.84	7.79 - 9.74
Key entry operators II	674	9.41	8.33 - 10.37
File clerks	432	7.47	6.58 - 8.24
File clerks I	205	7.16	6.37 - 7.54
File clerks II	216	7.73	7.00 - 8.42
Messengers	265	7.83	6.88 - 8.59
Receptionists	243	8.40	8.21 - 9.49
Switchboard operators	303	8.39	7.20 - 9.30
Switchboard operator-receptionists	1,007	9.02	8.00 - 10.00
Order clerks	957	9.42	8.16 - 10.90
Order clerks I	383	8.71	6.25 - 10.99
Order clerks II	570	9.88	9.00 - 10.82
Accounting clerks	4,503	9.44	8.15 - 10.61
Accounting clerks I	475	7.49	6.75 - 8.00
Accounting clerks II	2,403	9.16	8.00 - 10.26
Accounting clerks III	1,252	10.14	9.06 - 10.92
Accounting clerks IV	373	11.44	10.50 - 12.25
Payroll clerks	759	10.21	8.50 - 11.45
Computer systems analysts	5,426	20.86	17.79 - 23.61
Computer systems analysts I	1,046	16.10	14.85 - 17.27
Computer systems analysts II	2,314	19.92	18.41 - 21.26
Computer systems analysts III	1,645	23.83	21.64 - 26.15
Computer systems analysts IV	349	28.01	25.91 - 30.40
Computer programmers	2,201	16.98	14.21 - 19.20
Computer programmers I	211	13.45	12.02 - 14.62
Computer programmers II	804	14.01	13.07 - 15.14
Computer programmers III	890	18.56	16.92 - 20.32
Computer programmers IV	232	22.09	19.71 - 24.46
Computer operators	1,613	11.72	10.15 - 12.97
Computer operators I	170	8.56	8.01 - 8.87
Computer operators II	567	10.56	9.61 - 11.20
Computer operators III	696	12.82	11.67 - 13.84
Computer operators IV	173	14.05	12.60 - 15.15
Drafters	1,381	12.80	11.20 - 14.86
Drafters III	414	11.23	10.39 - 12.28
Drafters IV	699	13.88	12.68 - 15.20
Drafters V	128	17.28	16.81 - 18.00
Electronics technicians	2,331	$15.70	$13.61 - $17.40
Electronics technicians I	49	10.05	9.30 - 11.59
Electronics technicians III	1,043	17.25	16.01 - 18.61
Registred industrial nurses	171	16.17	14.81 - 17.01
Maintenance carpenters	235	14.00	12.52 - 14.49
Maintenance electricians	957	15.30	13.59 - 17.63
Maintenance painters	73	12.58	10.36 - 14.02
Maintenance machinists	859	13.69	11.83 - 15.49
Maintenance mechanics (machinery)	1,821	14.77	12.50 - 17.62
Maintenance pipefitters	337	14.05	13.11 - 15.45
Millwrights	468	13.36	12.02 - 15.45
Motor vehicle mechanics	2,101	15.04	14.70 - 16.01
General maintenance workers	1,357	10.45	8.20 - 12.07
Maintenance trades helpers	57	11.39	10.44 - 12.14
Machine-tool operators (toolroom)	138	14.82	13.36 - 15.66
Tool and die makers	2,517	15.09	13.89 - 16.14
Stationary engineers	131	15.73	14.77 - 16.42
Truckdrivers	6,490	13.13	11.00 - 16.01
Truckdrivers, light truck	396	9.03	7.15 - 12.14
Truckdrivers, medium truck	3,327	12.82	9.77 - 16.01
Truckdrivers, heavy truck	530	12.54	11.00 - 15.73
Truckdrivers, tractor-trailer	1,877	14.84	13.25 - 16.55
Shippers	644	10.16	8.75 - 11.10
Receivers	658	9.66	8.11 - 10.91
Shippers and receivers	868	10.35	8.25 - 11.98
Warehousemen	1,133	12.02	10.90 - 13.20
Order fillers	2,367	7.90	6.00 - 9.47
Shipping packers	1,218	8.30	6.55 - 10.01
Material handling laborers	1,470	7.37	6.05 - 8.25
Forklift operators	1,568	10.86	9.00 - 11.20
Guards	4,279	7.05	6.00 - 7.37
Guards I	4,125	6.93	6.00 - 7.27
Guards II	154	10.09	9.00 - 10.63
Janitors, porters and cleaners	8,785	6.35	5.25 - 6.70

1/ Excludes premium pay for overtime and for work on weekends, holidays, and late shifts.

2/ Number of workers for whom wage data was reported.

3/ The mean is computed for each job by totaling the earnings of all workers and dividing by the number of workers. The middle range is defined by two rates of pay; one-fourth of the workers earn less than the lower of these two rates and one-fourth earn more than the higher rate.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics